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So now if this body determines otherwise than Friday night, May the 23rd, you will need to do so with 25 affirmative votes. That decision will have to rest with this body.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. There have been times that I disagreed with the Speaker on some things in the past and I made that clear. He has tried in a yeoman fashion to work something out that would be reasonable for adjournment, and allow us to do what was possible to be done practically and realistically speaking. I hate to see anybody bounced around like a tennis ball. Unfortunately, that's what's beginning to happen to Senator Burbach. As a Speaker, I don't think he's always in a position to speak as strongly in behalf of himself as perhaps he would like. Those of us who do have that freedom, who have observed the activities of the last few days and see that he has done all that is humanly possible, I think it's time for us to support him now in what has finally been worked out. A final decision must be made. I'm in favor of staying with the Speaker now. I don't see any reason to change it. The wasting of time that has occurred earlier in the session is like water over the dam now and it cannot be recaptured. All we can do is spend the time we have left in the best way possible. The Speaker, I think, should be upheld in the effort that he's putting forth and whatever his proposal is. That is the one I'm going to support. I hope that at least 24 others of you will do the same.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the Speaker. You've seen what happens. All of us, whether it's preferential bills or not, still have other interests. Then we could go from there to General File. I think we made a decision on Wednesday. I think the Speaker put it out to you very clearly and decisively as to what you could do. Twenty-five of us agreed that Friday is it. I have a very crucial engagement next week, mostly with a 3 wood, and a spinning reel. I don't want to change either one of those engagements. Let's move ahead with the plans at hand.

PRESIDENT: There is no other lights on. Chair recognizes Senator Koch for closing.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I was not attempting to castigate anyone, nor the Speaker. I have nothing but the greatest respect for the efforts he has made. As observer in the past and a member today, I would compliment him for the direction he has given this body in spite of itself. I see no reason for us to take this as a personal thing against the Speaker, if we were to adopt the motion I presented to you. I see no reason